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Good morning. Have you read  
the NEW ENTERPRISE?

We are very sorry, brethren  
of the press, but the launching  
of our NEW ENTERPRISE pre-  
vents our being with you on  
the trip to Buffalo.

The third judicial circuit is to  
be congratulated upon the ap-  
pointment to the judgeship of  
Hon. Bascom H. Palmer, of  
Lake City. Judge Palmer is an  
able lawyer and an honest man  
and we predict for him a bril-  
liant career as jurist.

The divorce granted by the  
court to Henry M. Flagler  
has reached the desired result,  
the gentleman having taken to  
himself a young bride a few  
days since. Now let the obnox-  
ious and disgraceful law be  
wiped from the statute books as  
speedily as possible.

The editor of this paper cordi-  
ally invites from its readers  
communications and suggestions  
relative to the material welfare  
and progress of our town and  
county. Such articles written  
by the people will do more good  
and result in more practical ben-  
efit than all the articles which  
might be written of a political  
nature. Let us hear from you.

The political situation in Geor-  
gia is warming up. Those of  
the Florida Pressmen who  
remember the elegant repast and  
hospitable treatment accorded  
to them while in Savan-  
nah last fall will wish him well  
in his race for the Governorship  
of his State. Col. Estill is a  
splendid man, and one who has  
risen in the world by sheer force  
of intellect and energy, and his  
great paper, the Savannah  
Morning News, is a prime favor-  
ite in this part of Florida.

LET US HAVE LIGHT.  
It is passing strange that a  
town of Madison's magnitude  
importance should be so  
illighted. To the stranger  
drunk along our pub-  
lic squares, even our busi-  
nesses—is attended  
to his person. Not  
the feeble glimmer  
set at convenient  
distance, guide his footsteps,  
and of the but good black  
serves to keep him from falling  
in the ditch.  
Such a condition is unworthy  
of our progress. We are  
to do something to  
serious defect.

#### SALUTATORY.

In all well regulated families  
the advent of a new member is  
an event looked forward to by  
the fond parents with pleasant  
anticipation and earnest inter-  
est. As with the family so with  
the community. The appear-  
ance of something which will  
tend to the upbuilding and ma-  
terial progress of the town is a  
thing which always should, and  
does, interest the good citizen  
who looks toward the best inter-  
est of the community.

Our town and county have  
within the past few years made  
long strides along the pathway  
of progress. This is apparent  
to all, but to none more, per-  
haps, than to him who, a native,  
left his home in young manhood  
and now, after a lapse of nearly  
a score of years, returns to the  
scenes of his youth to find, on  
"viewing the landscape o'er,"  
many and great changes which  
time hath wrought. In the  
places of old and shabby wood-  
en structures he now sees ele-  
gant and modern brick build-  
ings. On every side are evi-  
dences which go to prove that  
Madison, the "city of oaks,"  
has kept even pace with time in  
its flight.

This is peculiarly a day of ad-  
vancement. The laggard has  
no place in the onward and up-  
ward march. It is a time when  
human ingenuity and energy  
weigh heavily in the affairs of  
life and he who would be in the  
van must be up and doing.

And now we present to the  
people of Madison and Madison  
county the initial number of  
a NEW ENTERPRISE—an enter-  
prise which we fondly believe  
will do much toward keeping  
our town and county in the front  
rank of the enterprising, pro-  
gressive and prosperous cities  
and counties of the fair state  
which we realize  
that in the county the citizens  
are abundantly blest. In our  
farms and plantations—the bone  
and sinew of the commonwealth  
—lie untold riches, and in our  
farmers and planters—the bul-  
work of the nation—we have  
men who by their intellect and  
energy are capable of wresting  
from Nature all that she has in  
store.

Our towns and villages all are  
on the march. Our merchants  
are men of keen business in-  
stincts, honorable and honest.  
Possessed of all the conveni-  
ences which tend to make life com-  
fortable and business of smooth  
running there is no reason why  
we should not keep our advanc-  
ing. To this end THE NEW EN-  
TERPRISE pledges its earnest  
effort. At all times its columns  
will be open for the advocacy of  
all that which has for its end  
the betterment of our town and  
county. No stone which is  
concerned something for our gen-  
eral good will be left unturned.  
This paper will be conducted  
for the interest of the  
people. It is not con-  
trolled—nor will it be—by  
faction, political or otherwise.

—politically, the laws and reg-  
ulations of the democracy will  
govern its utterances, otherwise,  
the general good of the public  
and the special good of the own-  
er and editor will dictate its pol-  
icy.

To achieve the best results the  
support, cooperation and encour-  
agement of the people is essen-  
tial. This we earnestly invite,  
and knowing full well that  
"Tis not in mortals to command  
success,"

we end our article by completing  
the couplet—  
"But we'll do more, \* \* \* we'll  
deserve it."

and having this for our motto,  
by a strict observance of its  
promise, we await the success  
which we hope will follow, and  
leave the matter with you.

Respectfully,  
COLUMBUS B. SMITH.

#### THE STATE FAIR.

There is a Scriptural injunc-  
tion which directs that we  
should not keep our light "hid  
under a bush." This applies  
with equal force to municipali-  
ties and to individuals. If we  
as a body politic have good  
things we should make the fact  
known to as many of our fellow  
men as is possible. Not only  
does benefit accrue to the visitor  
but also to the one making the  
exhibit.

During the month of Novem-  
ber the various counties of the  
commonwealth of Florida will  
vie with each other in making  
display of their resources for the  
benefit of the world at large.  
These exhibits will be viewed  
and inspected by thousands of  
our own people and thousands  
of people from other parts of  
this great country of ours.  
Madison county permit this op-  
portunity to go by without ad-  
vertising to the world its re-  
sources and advantages. Can  
we afford to let it pass? Isn't  
the opportunity too good to be  
wasted? There is no question  
but that our county is the equal  
of any of the galaxy of counties  
in agricultural pursuits and pro-  
ductiveness. Our lands are  
famed for their producing qual-  
ities. Fruits of various kinds  
may be successfully cultivated  
by intelligent effort. Our cot-  
ton, corn and other staple crops  
are unsurpassed. We can offer  
to the settler every advantage  
of location; ours is a healthy  
county, our people are prosper-  
ous, contented and progressive.  
But the world, perhaps, is not  
aware of these things, and we  
would have it known we must  
get on a "hustle" and blow our  
trumpet long and loud. If we  
would keep the pace we must  
adopt the methods of the hus-  
tlers of East and South Florida.  
Otherwise we'll be left in the  
race.

The future progress of Madi-  
son county demands that the  
people be informed of its ad-  
vantages, and the best means of  
imparting this information is by  
having a first-class exhibit at  
the coming State Fair.

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#### IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH.

The story is an old one of how  
the father presented his sons a  
bundle of sticks and commanded  
that they be broken. In obedi-  
ence to the paternal command  
the boys strove and strained  
mightily and manfully to accom-  
plish the purpose, but without  
avail. Then the father taking  
the bundle loosed it and easily  
broke into pieces the sticks one  
by one, and then made good the  
occasion by impressing upon his  
offspring the advantages of  
union—the benefits to be gained  
by working together for the  
welfare of all. The  
repeat, is an old one,  
age of years has not  
force of its appli-  
cations diminished the excel-  
lence of its teachings.

If we would see our town contin-  
ue to go ahead and keep  
pace with other communities we  
must all work together. Put  
aside selfish and personal inter-  
est and expend our every effort  
and energy for the betterment  
of the whole people. Go to work  
with the idea firmly impressed  
upon the mind that whatever  
benefits our community in which  
we live as individ-

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